

The Church of St Mary the Virgin, Great Brickhill

Sunday 17th February – The First Sunday of Lent

Welcome to our service of **Holy Communion** this morning, led by the Rector with Jerry Breslin playing the organ.

Everyone is invited to stay after the service for refreshments and a chat.

The readings this morning are:

Deuteronomy 26: 1-11; Romans 10: 8b-13; Luke 4: 1-13

THIS AFTERNOON:

The first of the SNOWDROP WALKS will take place this afternoon between 2 - 4pm. Please invite your friends to come along. Enjoy a walk among the lovely snowdrops, and then have a delicious tea in the church. If you are unable to come today, or you would like to come for a second time, the Snowdrop Walk will take place again at the same time **next Sunday, 24th February**. The church bells will be rung on both days. Visitors will be invited to make a donation towards the running costs of the church.

THIS WEEK:

TOMORROW, there is **Drop-in with the Post Office**, as usual, in the Parish Hall, from 1.30pm onwards.

This is the first of the five-week LENT COURSES. Please see the details below. **Everyone will be welcome to join in any of the sessions at any of the venues.**

CHURCH EVENTS AND SERVICES:

LENT COURSES

There is a **choice of three sessions** each week, two in Great Brickhill and one in Stoke Hammond. A **pink flyer** is available on the bookcase giving details of the venues, times and location, plus a description of the content for each session.

If anyone would like to have lunch before the Thursday afternoon session, please let Christine know seven days in advance:- Tel: 261527 christine.agambar@btinternet.com

CHURCHYARD MOWING

The rota for mowing the churchyard will be drawn up in the next few weeks. A few of those who have kindly done the mowing for a number of years are no longer able to continue. The mowing takes about three hours and can be done at any time during a two-week period. The mower and petrol is provided – a second mower can be made available if anyone wishes to share the load. Anyone who is able to help, or for more information, please contact Phillipa Cook:- 261521 neilacook@aol.com

PLANT FAYRE

The 14th Annual Plant Fayre supporting St Mary's Church will take place at Great Brickhill Parish Hall and Marquee on **Saturday 6th April 2013**. Look out for further news in the coming weeks.

THE CHURCH ELECTORAL ROLL

Every 6 years the Church Electoral Roll has to be revised and this year is when that has to happen. In order to continue as a voting member of the church it is necessary for you to register by completing a short form. The forms are available from the Warden or can be downloaded from the "Electoral Roll" section of the Benefice website: <http://www.brickhillchurches.org.uk/electoral-roll/>

The form must be completed and handed to Jeremy Hopkinson at the latest by the Annual Church Meeting to be held on Tuesday 23rd April (but ideally earlier and in good time for the meeting).

SERVICES NEXT SUNDAY, 24th FEBRUARY:

There will be a Family Service here in Great Brickhill at 11.00am, led by the Rector.

Other Services across the Benefice:

Bow Brickhill Holy Communion at 8.00am

Little Brickhill Holy Communion at 9.30am

Stoke Hammond Morning Worship at 9.30am

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The address of the benefice website is: www.brickhillchurches.org.uk